

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. – 34. (Cancelled)
35. (Currently Amended) A vegetable peeler for peeling in a peeling direction comprising:  
two lateral gripping surfaces, interconnected by a peeling blade and by a cross-piece,  
wherein the two lateral gripping surfaces together with the interconnecting cross-piece  
form a substantially U-shaped holder, the vegetable peeler being shorter in the peeling  
direction than a distance between the lateral gripping surfaces at the peeling blade, and  
wherein the distance between the lateral gripping surfaces at the peeling blade is larger  
than ~~an extension~~ a length and a height of the vegetable peeler ~~in any direction orthogonal  
to the distance~~.
36. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the lateral  
gripping surfaces are constructed in such a manner that they may be clamped between the  
thumb and at least one finger of a hand.
37. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein each lateral  
gripping surface includes a bearing for the peeling blade.
38. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-  
piece extends transversely to peeling direction and is formed as a design or advertising  
surface.

39. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece is vaulted convex in upward direction away from the peeling blade or concave in downward direction towards the peeling blade.
40. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is formed as a pendulum blade rotatably held at the lateral gripping surfaces.
41. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are integrally or multisectionally formed.
42. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein a gripping depression is formed into each lateral gripping surface.
43. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein at least one of the lateral gripping surfaces comprises an abutment for the peeling blade.
44. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is arranged inclined to the peeling direction.
45. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 44, wherein an angle between the longitudinal axis of the peeling blade and an axis orthogonal to the peeling direction is between 3 and 25°.
46. (Cancelled)
47. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece extends above the peeling blade when used.
48. (Cancelled)

49. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 41, where the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are made from at least one of a sheet metal and plastic-material.
50. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 45, wherein the angle between the longitudinal axis of the peeling blade and the axis orthogonal to the peeling direction is between 10° and 15°.